



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

## ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 04-037  
 Prompted By: Technical Service Bulletin  
 Date Opened: 04/12/2004 Date Closed: 05/25/2004  
 Principal Investigator: Sonny Murianka  
 Subject: Hydraulic Brake Hose Chaffing

Manufacturer: Tracker Marine L.L.C.  
 Products: 2004 Tracker Marine's Super Procraft and Procraft Trailers  
 Population: 57

**Problem Description:** Insufficient clearance exists between the fender and the flexible hydraulic brake hoses. This could result in the brake hose chaffing, creating a leak, resulting in a partial or full loss of trailer brakes.

### FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	0	1	1
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

**\*Description of Other:**

Action: this preliminary evaluation is closed. Tracker has filed a safety recall (04V-209) to resolve this issue.

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**Summary:**

In March 2004, Tracker Marine released a field service bulletin advising owners of models 190, 200, and 210 Procraft trailers that there could be insufficient clearance between the fender and the hydraulic brake hose. The bulletin advised the dealer technicians to inspect, straighten, and secure the brake hose away from the fenders. Left unrepaired, contact between the fender and the brake hose could result in the fender rubbing a hole into the brake hose, resulting in loss of trailer brakes.

After discussions with Tracker Marine, they agreed to initiate a safety recall and notify all owners of the affected vehicles. This action resolves the issues raised by this investigation.

Accordingly, this investigation is closed. The agency will take further action if warranted by the circumstances. A copy of the recall is attached.

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